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SENATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

January 17, 1985
626 Coffman Memorial Union
12:30 - 3:00

AGENDA

1. Approve SCC minutes of December 6 (sent previously; corrections sheet enclosed).

Approve FCC minutes of December 6, 18 (sent previously).

2. Reports:

- A. Student Chair
- B. Chair
- C. Finance Committee
- D. Presidential Search Advisory Committee.

Regulate meeting

3. Faculty Steering Committee business: Select a nominating committee for the Assembly Committee on Committees. Twin Cities Assembly must ratify nominating committee on February 14.

Other committee for Assembly meeting

4. Governance:

- Reports from the two subcommittees;
- Preparation for February 14 Senate meeting.

5. Winter quarter newsletter:

- Contents
- Target date.

new resolution



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APPROVED 1/31/85

Members present: Cathy Birk, Shirley Clark, Beth Emanuelson, Charles Farrell, Phyllis Freier, Sue Gruenes, Joseph Latterell, Doug Melby, Cleon Melsa, Jack Merwin (Chair.), Paul Murphy, Irwin Rubenstein, Paul Schulte, David Shope, Frank Sorauf, Eric Stroschein, Deon Stuthman, Burt Sundquist, Bruce Williams.

Guests: Jacque Jodl, Carol Pazandak, Mary Jane Plunkett, Maureen Smith, John Turner.

1. Additions to Agenda.

- Reports: Accreditation Self-Study Committee, Regents' Presidential Search Advisory Committee, observers at Regents' meetings.
- A resolution submitted for the February 14 Senate meeting.

2. Minutes of December 6 SCC meeting were approved with the corrections which had already been distributed. Minutes from FCC meetings of December 6 and 18 were approved.

3. Reports.

A. SSCC Chair. Mr. Melby. Mr. Melby is working for the Winter Quarter as a legislative assistant in North Dakota. Charles Farrell is interim chair for the quarter. Twin Cities contacts are Cathy Birk and David Shope. Mr. Melby hopes to be able to attend all SCC meetings.

Today's SSCC meeting concentrated on MSA legislative lobbying activity and on continuing to promote student support for the proposed inter-campus transitway.

B. SCC Chair. Professor Merwin.

(1) A faculty member has contacted him regarding how effectively the University is using its longer KUOM broadcast hours for extension purposes, etc. Professor Merwin has contacted Dean Miller. There is a new task force report on this matter that has recently been submitted to central administration and there may be no issue here for SCC.

(2) SCC has nominating and appointing responsibilities upcoming for faculty members of All-University Honors Committee, Business and Rules, Planning,

and the Assembly Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics. (Note: faculty members will carry this out and report to full SCC; student members will perform a parallel role regarding student members on the same committees.) In addition, SCC has to deal with the lack of a full complement of three active faculty members on the Student Services Fees Committee.

(3) Rules for the motion on governance in the February 14 Senate meeting. Professor Swan has asked that the first speaker on each side of the question be allotted six minutes and each subsequent speaker four minutes. After a short discussion, an SCC consensus emerged to propose a suspension of the rules to permit the two initial speakers six minutes each. Subsequent speakers have three minutes each by the rules of the Senate. Professor Merwin will propose this modification to the Business and Rules Committee.

C. Presidential Search Advisory Committee. Professor Sundquist. The committee has met pretty regularly on Thursdays and has held some extra meetings. The committee's meeting with the Regents was very helpful. The Regents have secured the assistance of an outside consultant employed by a Washington, D.C.-based consortium of higher educational institutions. The committee's second extended meeting with him is scheduled for the end of January, to review information on the names the committee is attending to seriously. Following this meeting the committee will need to move beyond collecting information to contacting the potential candidates.

Asked about any requirement that the list of finalists be open, Professor Sundquist replied it was his understanding that Minnesota's law says that at such time as a list of finalists is framed, if a request is made for the list, the Regents are supposed to release it.

D. Senate Finance Committee. Professor Stuthman reported that the Finance Committee on January 3 discussed the biennial budget request, and also briefly discussed the need to complete the earlier rounds of retrenchment. SFC has served notice it would like some accounting of who has paid their bills.

Professor Stuthman told SCC that the Finance Committee has been asked to prioritize the following nine discretionary items in the BBR:

- Academic Salary Request
- Equipment Replacement
- Instructional Computing
- Special Market and Retention
- Tuition Fellowships, Graduate Students
- Program Accommodation Remodeling
- Library Materials Acquisition
- Operation of New Space
- Major Repairs (R & B) Supplement.

SFC will attempt this exercise in its January 31 meeting.

The administration's intent, he said, seems to be to try to reach the same point as the University did with the previous biennial request -- to identify items that must be covered if not funded by the legislative appropriation.

Professor Merwin inquired whether Professor Stuthman saw any need for a joint Finance-Consultative Committee meeting. Professor Stuthman reminded

SCC that the members are always welcome to attend and that each SFC meeting follows immediately one of SCC's two monthly meetings. The two committee chairs wish to leave open the possibility of a formal joint meeting.

E. Self-Study Committee for the Accreditation Site Visit. Professor Rubenstein. The committee is meeting bi-weekly and developing an outline of what it wants to accomplish and what the NCA wants of it. Committee seeks to determine the kinds of data University people will find useful in the future to be able to use as benchmarks.

Professor Rubenstein invited suggestions on whom the committee might suggest NCA include on the site visit team.

F. Regents meetings. Professor Stuthman summarized the main agenda items from the Budget and Legislative Coordinating Committee and the Physical Plant and Investments Committee; Professor Merwin did the same from the meetings of the Faculty, Staff, and Student Affairs Committee and the Committee of the Whole. SCC members were gratified that the Regents had approved the rollover option for the annuity funds of retiring faculty members.

Interim President Keller had reported to the Board on the move in HECB to develop a consolidated state system plan, and told them that the heads of the four systems would prefer the approach of "coordinated missions."

4. New Business: Senator's resolution for February 14 Senate meeting.

Professor Ney, IT senator, has submitted a resolution that no definitive action be taken on a conversion to a semester system without adequate opportunity for Consultative Committee and Senate debate. SCC agreed that since the resolution embodies its consensus position, the SCC would move within the Senate to suspend the rules and take up the resolution for action on February 14.

5. Faculty Steering Committee Business: Special nominating committee for Committee on Committees.

Professors Freier and Stuthman constitute a subcommittee to identify nominating committee members and submit them for Assembly approval on February 14. (Approved nominating committee will bring to the Spring Quarter Assembly ~~Quarter~~ four names from which the Assembly will elect two Twin Cities faculty members to Committee on Committees.) Professors Freier and Stuthman reported the names of people they recommend asking to serve as nominators, and the names of back-ups. In addition to including some nominators who know the nature of Committee on Committees' work, this year's nominators should include someone from IT and from CLA.

The Faculty Steering Committee approved their contacting individuals they had named regarding service on this nominating committee.

6. Governance.

The SCC heard from the faculty and student subcommittees constituted December 6 to develop proposals regarding possible modifications to the existing

Senate structure, and to take into account the motion referred from the Senate to SCC to remove most students from the University Senate.

Professor Clark, who chaired the faculty subcommittee, distributed copies of its report. The report noted that "none of us on either subcommittee favor disestablishment of the University Senate as a faculty-student legislative body."

The faculty subcommittee report then presented three suggestions for the SCC's consideration, suggestions "intended to be responsive to concerns of D. Spring and others (including Profs. Swan & Turner) toward enlarging the sphere of faculty participation without disenfranchising students, and improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the FCC, if not the SCC." The items presented for consideration were

- (1) scheduling periodic faculty forums,
- (2) reducing the number of meetings of the Senate Consultative Committee while encouraging the SSCC and FCC to hold more separate meetings, and
- (3) amending the University Senate Bylaws by striking the word "primary" from a sentence in FCC's duties and responsibilities list, as follows: "to meet separately, when necessary, to discuss with the President, or others, matters of primary concern to the faculty."

Ms. Birk, who chaired the student subcommittee, reported that her group had (1) looked at existing documents regarding the Student Senate, and (2) developed goals and projects on which they are starting right away to improve student participation in the Senate and on committees. The student subcommittee will get out shortly to the SCC membership that list of steps to be taken.

Discussion then proceeded on the proposals from the faculty subcommittee.

There was very little comment on Recommendation (1). FCC members recognize that they are free to implement this suggestion without any change in the Constitution or Bylaws. Professor Rubenstein suggested as an example of forum topic and format an informed debate on the topic, "Should University governance be in the province of the faculty?" with a preferential vote at the end.

SCC then moved to consider Recommendation (3). Discussion focused on whether or not the word "primary" in the bylaw cited above had in fact constrained the FCC. The positive response was that during some years, faithful adherence to the bylaws had caused time-consuming redundancy since the SCC chair had felt obliged to include in the SCC agenda items which the FCC wanted to discuss independently with the president. The negative response was that "primary" had not been constraining because it had been ignored.

Professor Sorauf called attention to SCC's steering committee function and asked that the parts (FCC and SCC) not go so far in their own ways that collectively SCC would diminish that function. Mr. Shope argued that "primary" only prevents FCC (or SSCC) from acting in an official capacity, and need not constrain discussion.

The Committee then turned to Recommendation 2. If SCC were to meet jointly less often, perhaps as rarely as once per quarter, Mr. Farrell asked, who would be responsible for the work SCC now does in two meetings a month, and to whom would other Senate committee, and students and faculty generally, look for leadership?

Professor Freier said the prospect of fewer joint meetings raised the basic question of whom SCC members represent. She told her colleagues that the joint meetings make an efficient way for her to get the student point of view.

Professor Stuthman contended that a good exchange of paper reports could keep the subgroups mutually informed. Ms. Emanuelson said it was her assumption that "consulting" involves discussion and interchange, which wouldn't happen with an exchange of paper.

Mr. Schulte offered the opinion that, were most meetings to be separate, the chairs of FCC and SSCC would have to meet much more often, and that that would be particularly true for setting the agenda for meetings of the full committee. Administrators, he added, might be less willing to visit each group separately and then perhaps address the same topic with the joint group.

Mr. Melby recommended that before trying the experiment of fewer meetings of the full SCC, the two chairs try to confer more on setting the SCC agenda. Ms. Birk noted that the SCC has a number of responsibilities, such as making appointments and nominations, for which it needs to meet as a whole.

Professors Rubenstein and Stuthman remarked that arriving at positions might be better worked on separately, as had just been well demonstrated by the two subcommittees on governance, and then brought to the group. Other members commented that the result might be even more redundancy than in the past. Professor Stuthman suggested items for information be taken up separately and items for action collectively.

Professor Freier told the committee she valued getting the student viewpoint in meetings, and Mr. Shope said he valued getting the faculty viewpoint in developing his opinion. It was his hope that members would not address an agenda item with rigidly held views but would to some extent evolve their positions through discussion.

Professor Melsa urged SCC not to change too many variables at once. The Committee, he said, might experiment with (1) FCC's setting agenda for periodic faculty fora, and (3) amending the bylaws to strike "primary" from the conditions for separate consultation with the president, but set aside (2) and continue for the present the SCC's customary meeting schedule.

Following brief further discussion, Mr. Melby moved the Senate Consultative Committee ask the Senate to reject the Swan motion (for removing student members from the University Senate except for the five campus student body presidents). On a show of hands, the motion was approved, 15 to 0, with one abstention.

Professor Stuthman then moved the SCC chair take whatever action is needed for an SCC motion to the Senate to strike the word "primary" from Article III(1)A.(2) from the cited clause on FCC's duties and responsibilities, and from the parallel clause on SSCC's duties and responsibilities; and take similar action as needed for a Steering Committee motion to the Assembly to make the same two changes in the Assembly bylaws. After a further brief interchange regarding the significance in the word change, the SCC approved the motion on a show of hands, 15 to 0, with one abstention.

7. SCC Newsletter.

A consensus opinion quickly emerged in favor of publishing one newsletter rather than two. Content should be solicited from committees in early March, and the target for student senators and all faculty to receive their copies of "SCC Reports" should be about April 10.

The newsletter should report to the community on completed business and inform the community of ongoing issues, including Senate business expected to be acted on in Spring Quarter. Contents should include, among other matters:

- Tenure regulations
- Annuity rollover option
- Work of the presidential search advisory committee
- Progress report on the legislative request
- Report on the semester vs. quarter system study
- Proposal for revised grievance system.

8. Restructuring the University Grievance System.

Professor Freier reported that work is completed on revising last year's draft proposal on restructuring the grievance system. It will be presented to the annual workshop for grievance officers on January 30 and should be included in FCC's agenda on January 31.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Poppele, Executive Assistant

PROPOSED FOR FEBRUARY 14 SENATE MEETING:

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that no definitive action be taken on the possible change-over from the quarter system to the semester system until there has been adequate opportunity - after the relevant factual information has been gathered - for the Senate Consultative Committee to discuss the matter thoroughly and for the Senate to debate the issue.

Edward P. Ney

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Senator, Institute of Technology

Note:

1. Professor Ney submitted the above resolution to the Clerk of the Senate with the following cover note:

"Enclosed is the resolution (motion) which I discussed with you and which I propose for 'new business' at the Valentine's Day Senate meeting. Is 'resolution' the right form for submission? I would hope the Senate could have a vote or a straw vote on the motion."

2. The Business and Rules Committee has looked at the resolution and ruled SCC should decide how to handle it.



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NOTES

January 17, 1985

Report of the FCC subcommittee on the Swan-Turner proposal, to the
SCC on January 17, 1985

Committee: P. Murphy, J. Rubenstein, S. Clark

Met: - last week to deliberate 1/8.
- long telephone conversations with D. Spring before 1/7 and
P. Swan (after) 1/9.
- met 1/16 with the student subcommittee for discussion.

We reviewed relevant SCC&FCC Minutes and the Senate Constitution, etc.
We sought to understand the aims & goals of the Swan-Turner proposal.

The first and most important point that both subcommittees agree on
is that none of us favor disestablishment of the University Senate
as a faculty-student legislative body. From there on, the faculty
and student interests diverge somewhat, and each subcommittee can
speak for itself.

The faculty subcommittee opposes disestablishment of the University
Senate. It does, however, present a three-part proposal to you for
consideration and possible future action as follows. These modest
suggestions are intended to be responsive to concerns of D. Spring
and others (including Profs. Swan & Turner) toward enlarging the
sphere faculty participation without disenfranchising students and
improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the FCC, if not the SCC:

Part 1: periodic faculty forums

On issues of interest to the faculty, FCC could set agenda
for these. Forum participants could be faculty senators and
other faculty members. No University Senate constitution
change is required.

Some issues might be sharpened and discussed most thoroughly
in a debate.

ex: Resolved: The University Senate should be changed into a faculty senate with nominal student representation.

Dissent is legitimated in fora and debates. A "preferential" vote might be taken.

(Comment: the idea of "forum" does not replace the Swan-Turner proposal because it is not actually a University-wide legislative body.)

Part 2: reduce the number of meetings of the Senate Consulative Committee
At a minimum the SCC should meet once per quarter; but Faculty and Student Consulative Committees could work more of the time as separate bodies on the University issues which interest them most, coming together when each group has proposals to make. Their agendas may evolve to be somewhat specialized and dissimilar, "Paper" could be exchanged on many items. (rationale: this could improve efficiency and effectiveness of the consulative process and be responsive to concerns of present and past FCC members.).

Part 3: amend the U. Senate Constitution, Art III Senate Committees
(1) A. Consulative (2) Faculty Consulative Committee (first part of two part charge).

Strike the word "primary" from "to meet separately, when necessary to discuss with the President, or others, Matters of primary - concern to the faculty."

(rationale: the FCC should be able to meet with the President and others on any pertinent matter it so wishes, without the student consulative committee present. These meetings would be open and subject to the same policy for closed meetings as presently applies. Matters of "primary" interest to the faculty have been narrowly construed as Faculty Senate, terms and conditions of work matters (tenure, retirement, ensurance, etc). Other matters may be of interest to the faculty beyond personnel issues per se.

Student subcommittee has developed lists of goals and projects to improve the quality of student representation. These ideas, if carried forward, should improve student input on committees and in the Senate.

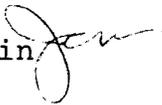


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To: Senate Consultative Committee

From: Jack Merwin 

The President has asked for a closed meeting with the Senate Consultative Committee. The date is Friday, January 25; the time is 1:30-3:15 p.m.; the place is the Regents' Room.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the rules that SCC adopted a year ago on members' responsibilities regarding closed meetings.

If you have any difficulties with the arrangements for this closed meeting, please give a call to me (373-1329) or Meredith (373-3226).

Enc.



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January 21, 1985

President Kenneth H. Keller
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Dear Ken:

Mark Brenner called me late Friday following a meeting of the Senate Planning Committee. He informed me that the Planning Committee had decided it would be inappropriate for it to meet with you in a closed meeting because the Senate action permitting closed meetings refers specifically to the Consultative Committee. Mark, as an individual, will join us for the discussions.

The only times available on your calendar this week were Monday and Friday. As Marsha has probably told you, we settled in on 1:30 - 3:15 Friday.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Jack Merwin'.

Jack Merwin, Chair,
Senate Consultative Committee

JM:mp

cc: Mark Brenner